Educated unemployed youths in Andhra Pradesh

2837. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of educated unemployed youths in Andhra Pradesh, as on date, with district-wise details thereof;

(b) the details of the schemes, if any, formulated by Government for providing job opportunities to such youths in the State; and

(c) if no such scheme has been prepared, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Number of educated (10th Standard and above) jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh as on 31st December 2004 was around 22.4 lakh. District-wise details are not maintained.

(b) In addition to implementing special poverty alleviation and employment generation schemes, Government of Andhra Pradesh through employment exchanges is also implementing four schemes for providing job opportunities to the youth in the State namely "Udbhavam", "Ujjwal", "Bhukti" and "Udyogam".

(c) Does not arise.

Non-implementation of labour laws for building and construction workers

2838. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:
SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the building and other construction workers (Regulations of Employment and Conditions of Services) Act and the Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act are not being implemented properly by various States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the States/UTs which have set Welfare Boards under these two Acts;

(c) the total amount of welfare cess collected by the States/UTs and distributed among the workers; and

(d) the action being taken against the States/UTs which have not implemented these two Acts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) The Building and Other Construction Workers (RECS) Act, 1996 and Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996 enacted by the Central Government is implemented by some States/UTs, like Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Pondicherry, Gujarat, Uttaranchal and West Bengal. Government of Tamil Nadu have been implementing their own legislation. Remaining States are still in the process of finalizing the procedures required for its implementation.

(b) Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Delhi, Pondicherry, Uttaranchal, West Bengal and Daman, Diu & Dadara Nagar Haveli have constituted the Welfare Boards.

(c) As per information obtained from the states, some of the states have started the collection of cess, the amount of the cess collected by them is given below:

1. Kerala: Collection Rs. 130 crore
   (from 1995-96 to 2004-05) distribution Rs. 117 crore
2. Delhi collection (up to 15.8.06) Rs. 24 crore

Remaining State Governments are still in the process of finalizing the procedures required for its implementation.

(d) The Central Government has continuously been taking up of early adoption/implementation of the said Acts. A Special Group has also been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary (L&E) to closely monitor and review the adoption and implementation of these Acts by the States. This Group has held 6 regional and national level meetings with the Labour Secretaries of various States for early adoption of the Acts.

Teething problems under NREGA

2839. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) is having a smooth sail, while overcoming teething problems;

(b) the steps proposed to be taken in the States where its implementation is tardy and unsatisfactory; and